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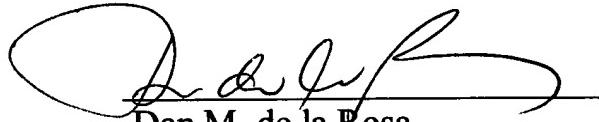
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

In view of the patent issuance of the parent and related applications, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A drilling fluid additive system comprising: an additive comprising graphite, copolymer beads and at least one carrier, said carrier is selected from a group consisting of oils, esters, glycols, cellulose, olefins and mixtures thereof; and hydrophilic clay, a pH controller, a fluid loss controller, and at least one dispersant.

2. (cancelled) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 1 further comprises copolymer beads.

3. (currently amended) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 1 wherein said oils are carrier is selected from a group consisting of oils, hydrocarbon oils, vegetable oils, mineral oils, paraffin oils, synthetic oils, diesel oils, corn oil, peanut oil, soybean oil, esters, glycols, cellulose, olefins and mixtures thereof.

4. (original) The drilling fluid additive system of Claim 1 further comprises uintaite.